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MINER'S COLUMN.

INTERESTING CLIPPINGS FROM VARIOUS MINING JOURNALS.

Dividends to the amount of \$1,151,450 were paid by mining companies in the month of January.

From Arizona the bullion shipments in 1885 were: Gold, \$946,425; silver \$5,748,720; total, \$6,695,145.

Bullion shipments from New Mexico in 1885 were: Gold, \$266,519; silver, \$3,639,246; total, \$3,905,765.

A platinum wire too fine to be seen with the naked eye is said to have been made by H. T. Mead of Brooklyn. It is to be used in telescopes as a substitute for the spider's web usually employed.

A fourteen-pound nugget of gold has been found in Siberia.

The Omaha works of the Omaha & Grant Smelting & Refining Co., in 1885 turned out 28,744 tons of lead, \$9,506,588.93 in silver, and \$1,525,336.96 in gold.

The coal mine at Pinesdale, California, has just been sold to Eastern parties for \$150,000. A seven-foot vein was recently discovered, and, on a test being made by experts, the coal was found to be entirely suitable for smelting purposes.

The Philadelphia Mint is kept running day and night turning out silver dollars; but its capacity is only \$1,700,000 a month.

In China it is claimed there are enormous coal measures, prodigious deposits of iron, vast veins of copper, great tracts of galena, chrome, plum-bago, cinnabar, cuprous nickel, zinc, pyrites, manganese, etc., found in every section.

Two of the Pennsylvania iron works keep six steamers busy bringing ore from Cuba at the rate of 2,000 tons a week.

New mines are reported some 15 miles west of Wm. Nichols' hay ranch, on the Austin road, Nevada.

The Soda Lake district, San Bernardino county, is assuming great prominence, and two camps are lively.

Hugh Lamb, a foreman of the North End and Con. California and Virginia mine, died at Virginia City on the 22d. Deceased was the most noted practical miner on the Comstock. He had been in the employ of the bonanza company since its organization as foreman, and his judgment in mining matters was implicitly relied on by Mackay and Far.

The Archibald brothers, owners of the Salmon River mine, Nova Scotia, brought to Halifax a bar of 1,297 ounces of gold, worth \$23,000, the product of the mine during January. This is the largest bar of gold ever brought in as a result of one month's crushing at a single mine.

The total production of coal in the United States during the year 1885 is estimated at 104,000,000 net tons.

The petroleum wells of Bormah are of a rude character, 4 feet 6 inches square, and from 250 to 350 feet deep. The late estimates of their production are from 10,000 to 12,000 tons.

The Billing smelter, at Socorro, N. M., produced 312 tons of base metal during January. The establishment has two furnaces and one roaster in operation.

It will pay well to patent a mine. Patented mines sell more readily than unpatented ones.

There are now in operation in the vicinity of Butte, Montana Territory, eight quartz mills, having on the aggregate 250 stamps, and six smelting and concentrating works, with a capacity of about 1,000 tons per day.

The Supreme Court of Colorado, in a late case decided that a junior location of a cross lode has an absolute right to all the ore in the cross vein where it crosses the senior location, except where the veins intersect, and has a right to drift under the senior location, remove the ore in the cross vein, and hold a right of way through the cross vein.

The weight of one cubic foot of solid quartz is 165 pounds; of broken quartz, 94 pounds; of water, 62.5 pounds. The estimated quantity of ground worked per day of ten hours, per man, by different methods, is as follows: By pan, one cubic yard; by rocker, two cubic yards; by long tom, five cubic yards; by sluice, fifteen cubic yards; and by hydraulics, 400 to 1,000 yards.

Misconceptions Corrected.

The Arizona newspapers complain bitterly of the constructive damage inflicted upon that Territory by the depredations of the Apaches. The impression goes abroad, and becomes a settled belief in the Eastern States, that the whole area of Arizona is involved and that there is no safety for life or property within its borders. Letters of inquiry are received asking if it is possible to reach Tucson by any route with safety from the hostilities. Several important enterprises in which eastern parties are interested are held in abeyance pending a final settlement of the Indian troubles, although the proposed investments would be in no way affected by a perpetual warfare within the present disturbed limits, which are confined to the southeastern portion of the Territory. These misconceptions are a serious drawback to the progress of Arizona. They have but little effect here, where there is better general information concerning the state of affairs, but to the ideas of eastern people Arizona is a desert of sand and cactus, with nothing to recommend it but the profits of mining enterprise. They have no knowledge of the farming and grazing capacity of the Territory. They would be astonished at the statement, made after careful estimates by competent judges, that during the coming year Arizona will ship between 40,000 and 50,000 head of beef cattle to outside markets, the receipts from which will exceed in value the bullion output of the Territory for any single year. This in itself is sufficient to show that there is no general interference with the safety of property, and to reassure those who contemplate a settlement there, but are deterred by the plea of Indian hostilities.—S. F. Call.

A Gold Excitement in Patagonia.

Washington, February 26th.—Consul-General Baker, writing from Buenos Ayres, says: "Several months ago the Argentine Republic sent a commission of mining experts and other scientific gentlemen to Patagonia to make an investigation into the newly-discovered gold fields in that country. The Commission reports that the auriferous layer extends along the coast from Cape Virgin to the Condor, a distance of forty miles, and possibly further. They represent the gold deposits as of a superior class, and fully the equal of those in Brazil, California and Australia. A number of Chileans who were found on the ground, working with the rudest appliances, were earning \$200 a month net. Several others, more fortunate, had taken out of the mines about five pounds a month, equal to \$1,000." Consul-General Boller says that the report of the Commission has created great excitement throughout the Argentine Republic, and numerous expeditions, some natives and others composed of adventurous Americans and Englishmen, are fitting out to try their fortunes in this new territory.

The Hon. David Davis, ex-United States Senator from Illinois, in a recent letter to an Eastern literary paper, says: "Every year every local paper gives from \$100 to \$5,000 in free lines for the sole benefit of the vicinity in which it is located. No other agency can or will do this. The local editor, in proportion to his means, does more for his town than any other ten men, and in all fairness, man with man he ought to be supported, not because you may happen to like him or admire his writing, but because a local paper is the best investment a community can make. It may not be brilliant or crowded with great thoughts, but financially it is more of a benefit to a community than the preacher or teacher. Understand me now, I do not mean morally or intellectually, but financially, and yet on this moral question you will find the majority of the local papers are on the right side of the question. To-day the editors of local papers do the most work for the least money of any men on earth. Subscribe for and advertise in your local paper, not as a charity, but as an investment."

It knocks all the gilt off the ginger bread of an editor's life to know that when he has written a fiery and brilliant article denouncing tyranny and exposing slavery he will have to go home and split kindling wood for his wife and shine his mother-in-law's boots.—Chicago Tribune.

BRILLIANTS.

If little labor, little are our gains;
Man's fortunes are according to his pains.

You are good, but from a nobler cause;
From your own knowledge, not from Nature's laws.

Charming woman can true converts make;
We love the precepts for the teacher's sake;
Virtue in her appears so bright and gay,
We bear with pleasure, and with pride obey.

Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

Physicians Have Found Out.

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The March Overland.

The March issue of the Overland Monthly contains several very important papers about the Chinese on the Pacific Coast. Mr. W. W. Stone writes an article upon "The Knights of Labor on the Chinese Question." Mr. George Dudley Lawson discusses "The Tacoma Method," and a number of other writers contribute papers on this subject.

Tin Plates a Mile Long.

"Tin plates a mile long" is rather a startling announcement, yet Sir Henry Bessemer hints that the means for producing such will be his next contribution to the science of practical metal working. His plans are not entirely made public, but in general they contemplate running the steel through the rolls and bringing it out plated with tin in sheets of any length, and then cut into plates of any desired size. The experiments are pronounced successful, and patents have been sought on the process.

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